

RECOGNIZING HAYLEY HULS, PAYTON PECKHAM, SARAH LITCHFIELD, AND JORDAN PECKHAM FOR THEIR 1A STATE TITLE IN THE 4X400 RELAY

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hayley Huls, Payton Peckham, Sarah Litchfield, and Jordan Peckham from Farmington High School, for earning the Class 1A title for the Illinois State Championship in the 4x400 relay.

Hayley Huls, Payton Peckham, Sarah Litchfield, and Jordan Peckham took first in finals with a time of 4:02.92 to claim their title as state champions, and I would like to recognize them for their tremendous accomplishment. Their dedication and passion for their sport meant that they were determined to win gold. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. They are an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see them represent Farmington throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Hayley Huls, Payton Peckham, Sarah Litchfield, and Jordan Peckham on their title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing them every success in the future.

HONORING THE BOROUGH OF BLOOMINGDALE'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Borough of Bloomingdale, County of Passaic, New Jersey, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

As early as 1700, the Dutch began settling—what is now known today as Bloomingdale, named after the town of Bloomingdale in Holland. In 1734, mineral resources were discovered in Bloomingdale by Cornelius Board. Board was shown the iron deposits by local natives near the Ringwood River by the Sterling Forest. After locating the ore, Board built the first ever small iron furnace in the region. German miners were brought over to work the mine. The mine would change hand two times, first to John and Uzal Ogden and Newark associates, and then to the American Iron Company. This company was London-based, bringing in immigrants from England.

Bloomingdale is most known for is the important role it played in the Revolutionary War. One can find a plaque on the Federal Hill Historic Site that commemorates the Pompton Mutiny on Federal Hill in what is today Bloomingdale. On January 20, 1781, 200–300 Continental soldiers mutinied. Their plan was to march to Trenton to make their demands, which included complaints about food, clothing, and pay. General George Washington decided to make an example of these mutinous soldiers, and they were met by General

Howe's army on their way to Trenton. Although they were dealt with harshly, Washington did concede to their demands, admitting that there was a truth behind them.

The aforementioned mining activities in Bloomingdale increased in 1807 when Martin J. Ryerson purchased the mining area from American Iron Company and greatly developed the area by building more furnaces and rolling mills. When he died in 1839, his grandson who shared his name, Martin J. Ryerson, continued the work. He further established the family name in the town by opening a company general store where the Bloomingdale Laundromat is today. A large portion of the store's produce came from the animals of the Ryerson farm, especially pigs. As a result, many "old timers" refer to this area of the town as "Porktown".

In April 1871, Ryerson continued to expand Bloomingdale's reputation by introducing the New Jersey Midland Railway to the town. The citizens happily celebrated the first train that came into the town. Bloomingdale did not become its own borough until February 23, 1918, when Pompton Township split up to create the three towns of Bloomingdale, Ringwood, and Wanaque.

After World War II, Bloomingdale constructed a housing duplex on borough-owned property to be sold to veterans. In order to honor the men from this region who went to war, a World War II Memorial was constructed by the Borough and the American Legion.

Bloomingdale today is a small town with about 8,000 residents, most of whom are of modest means who own their own homes and are employed by small local businesses. Bloomingdale is proud about its "American Small Town" history, as stated by Mayor Jonathon Dunleavy.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating the Borough of Bloomingdale on the occasion of its Centennial Anniversary.

PROVIDING RELIABLE OPTIONS FOR PATIENTS AND EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, the opioid crisis is an epidemic that is impacting every community across the country. It is a crisis that is getting worse and worse.

The chances are that everyone knows someone who has been personally affected—wrestling with addiction, providing support to a loved one in recovery, or simply offering comfort to a friend who may be dealing with loss.

For the second consecutive year, American life expectancy has actually declined. Opioid-related overdoses caused more than 33,000 deaths in 2015 and more than 40,000 in 2016.

It's no coincidence that most people are just prescribed opioids to manage their pain even though the government will also pay for hundreds of medical devices, physical therapy and non-opioid medications.

The fact is many people and providers simply aren't aware of other, equally effective

therapies like medical devices, non-opioid medications and physical therapy. We need to change that.

That's why I authored the Medicare CHOICE Act with my colleague Representative KIND. It which is one of the bills in this package H.R. 5775, the PROPER Act.

The CHOICE Act will require Part D drug plans to inform seniors about other, non-addictive pain management therapies that Medicare covers so that when they get injured or have some other type of pain, they will be able to ask their doctor the right questions to make sure that they receive the most effective and least harmful pain management therapy.

Education is important and can be an effective tool for providers and can help make a difference in the fight against opioid addiction.

Representatives BLACK, O'HALLERAN and CROWLEY also have an initiative included in the PROPER Act package to educate seniors about ways they should safely dispose of unused opioids and how providers should take into account the whole patient when discussing pain. I thank them for their important work.

This package has strong bipartisan support and I want to thank my colleagues for working together to get these initiatives moving for action on the House floor.

It will make a difference in addressing an epidemic that continues to bring tragedy and sadness to so many families.

Madam Speaker, I am glad that we are taking action to educate seniors on their alternative pain management therapies, how they can safely get rid of unused opioids, and how providers should look at the whole patient when delivering advice for pain management.

IN RECOGNITION OF LINDA CARTER'S DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Linda Carter for her outstanding career in public education. Ms. Carter has served the city of Ann Arbor and its young people well through her work with the Ann Arbor Educators Association.

After graduating from the University of Michigan with two music education degrees, Ms. Carter started a career in Ann Arbor Public Schools. She has taught in every Ann Arbor middle school and most of the elementary schools and took a deep interest in engaging with students, parents and faculty during this time. As a teacher, she catered to the needs of each individual student and helped them achieve success in her class. After years of teaching, Ms. Carter was named vice president of the Ann Arbor Educators Association in 1990 and became president in 1992. Through her work, she has bettered the lives of countless educators.

The Ann Arbor Educators Association represents the educators, administrators and support professionals who work in the Ann Arbor Public School District. As president of the union, Ms. Carter serves as a voice for teachers throughout the district. From negotiating contracts to hosting board meetings, she is a